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Annazette Houston Appointed to THRC Board of Commissioners

Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Annazette Houston of Knoxville to the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. On August 12, 2014, Haslam confirmed Houston's appointment to the THRC as a Representative of East Tennessee. Commissioner Houston attended her first THRC Board of Commissioners meeting in October 2013.

She currently serves as the Director of the Office of Disability Services at the University of Tennessee, and has over 20 years of higher education experience including a background in Equal Opportunity and Career Services. She holds a Master of Science degree in Organizational Communication from Murray State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Langston University. She serves on the Council for Diversity and Interculturalism, the Diversity Committee for the Division of Student Life and Hodges Library. She also serves on the Board for the Beck Cultural Exchange Center and The Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee.

“On behalf of the entire Board of Commissioners, we are looking forward to working with Commissioner Houston. I am confident her lengthy experience with diversity issues will be of value to the Board as we serve the citizens of Tennessee,” said Stacey Garrett, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

The THRC safeguards individuals from discrimination through enforcement and education. An independent state agency, the Commission is responsible for enforcing the Tennessee Human Rights Act and the Tennessee Disability Act which prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age (40 and over in employment), familial status (housing only) and retaliation in employment, housing and public accommodations. To file a complaint of discrimination or to receive additional information about the agency, please call 1-800-251-3589 or visit www.tn.gov/humanrights.

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